

HOUSE RESOLUTION 242

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kayla Berry of Briarcrest Christian School upon being named a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Berry of Memphis is one such exceptional student who has been named a National Merit finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Program; of more than 15,000 semifinalists, some 8,200 have been chosen as finalists, making them eligible to receive university Merit Scholarship awards; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Kayla Berry has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Briarcrest Christian School, Ms. Berry has earned an exemplary grade point average. Her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at the college of her choice; she will attend either Baylor University or Washington University in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Kayla Berry has performed laudably in numerous service organizations and school activities, including serving as President of the National Honor Society and Yearbook Editor; she is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the Junior Classical League, Latin Club, Bridge Builders, National Latin Honor Society, and the Key Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Berry has also been named to the *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and the National Society of High School Scholars, and has received numerous Joseph A. Clayton Academic Awards; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Berry is a member of Bellevue Baptist Church, where she is active in the youth choir program and the Singing Christmas Tree program; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Berry's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her parents, as well as for her school and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Berry's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor Kayla Berry of Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis on her impressive academic achievements and upon being named a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.